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(III) OR ERBIUM (III) ION - LIGAND
COMPLEXES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows after it has been
accorded a serial number and filing date:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

page 1, line 5, insert --Background of the Invention-- as a heading;

page 2, before line 25, insert --Summary of the Invention--;

page 3, before line 9, insert --Description of The Preferred Embodiments--;

page 16 line 2, insert --, which illustrates a line scan across spot on nitrocellulose
membrane-- after "Figure I"; and

page 17 after line 8, delete The Figure and the Legend.

In The Claims:

Claim 1, line 3, change, "characterized in that" to --wherein--;

Claim 3, line 2, insert --the group consisting of-- after "selected from";

Claim 4, line 5, insert --the group consisting of-- after "selected from";

Claim 5, line 7, delete, "and preferably in the 400-800nm region,";

Claim 6, line 5, delete, ", preferably 800-1100nm range"; and

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